RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed September 20, 2005, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-9 and 13-17, drawn to a fluid supply system, classified in class 239, subclass 76.
- II. Claims 10-12 and 18-20, drawn to a method of supplying paint, classified in class 137, subclass 14.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-9 and 13-17. Applicant respectfully cancels the claims of the non-elected group without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more divisional patent applications at a later date.

New claims 21-43 are drawn to a fluid supply system are within the elected Group I.

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CONCLUSION

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Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-9 and 13-17, as amended herein. Non-elected claims 10-12 and 18-20 have been cancelled. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6904 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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